

**AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please substitute the Abstract with the following:

A device for removing and smearing cells for a cytological examination with a handle at whose front end a device for the collection of the cells is arranged. The device provides an economical solution for cell collection and a reliable solution for smearing on a microscope slide. The device is embodied as a cone tapering towards the front in which a stabilizing device acting on a longitudinal extension of the cone is arranged.